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Santa Clause Letters

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Dear Santa,
I want you to come and see me Christmas. I want a doll 21 inches long. I want some oranges, nuts and candy. Excuse my writing. I want a bracelet and a set of beauty pins. I also want a pair of tan shoes with tassels on them. I am ten years old, I was ten the 13th of Oct. I want a new dress too. I want as many presents as you can get me. I also want a carriage for my doll. I am writing this letter at school I hope you can read it. It is very cold at the north pole.

Mary Opal West

P. S. I will be sure to hang up my stocking.

My dear old friend

I will tell you what I want for Xmas I want a muf and fir, a set of dominoes a swifter a box of candy, nuts of all kinds two oranges popcorn balls a rubber ball. I will close hoping to find my stocking full on Xmas morning. I know you won't refuse me, Santa

Goodby From Irene Gordon
To Santa Clause.

Dear old Santa Claus

Keytesville, Mo.

I thought I would right you a few lines to let you know what I wanted for Christmas I want a big doll, little knife and fork, and spoon a set of little dishes, a sack of peanuts a sack of candy and a sack of oranges; that is all for for this time so goodby,
Minnie May Parker.

Rockford Mo Dec 9, 1911

Dear old Santa Claus

I want you to bring me a new coat and scarf to a nice silk dress to and some nice ribbon to candy and oranges and bannana all kinds of nuts thumgum to
Goodby dear old santa claus
from Wilma Biere

Rockford, Mo., Dec. 9, 1911

Dear old Santa claus.

I want you to bring me a new coat for Christmas I want a doll to and a new scarf to nise wash-tub and a little washboard to wash my dolly clothes candy and oranges and bannanas and all kinds of nuts thumgum to and ribbon to
Good by dear old santa claus
from Josie Biere

Rockford, Mo., Dec. 9, 1911

Dear old Santa Claus

I want you to bring me a new coat for Christmas for this year and some nise ribbon to a scarf to candy and oranges and bannana and all kinds of nuts thumgum to and think about mamma and papa Goodby dear old santa claus
from Mary Biere

Keytesville Mo Dec. 12

Dear Santa

I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I have four brothers and one sister. I am ten years old I want a doll and a doll buggy and a pair of scissors candy, fruits and plenty nuts,
Kathryn Stamper

Keytesville, Mo. Dec. 13, 1911

Dear Santa Claus:

How are you? I am fine now but I don't know how I will be when you are here. I hope I will be well. I am going to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a pair of high top shoes or a pair of leggins a doll with natural curly hair and I want her to be jointed, hair ribbons, a new dress, candy, oranges, grapes, nuts, and a good game, I don't know whether you will bring me what I want or not but I want you to please bring me something.

Very Lovingly,

Your little friend,

Estelle Francis Sneed.

Missouri, Mo., Dec. 13, 1911

My dear Santa,

My dear Santa Claus, As Christmas time is drawing near again, I thought I would write you and tell you what I wanted for Christmas. I would be glad if you would bring me some candy, locket, bracelet and a doll. I am eight years old and go to school. I am in the fourth grade. Oh! yes my little brother, Buster wants a shoot gun and a sav, but don't bring him a saw for he has a hatchet and breaks my dolls and if he had a saw he would saw my playthings up.

Wishing you would fill my stocking before Buster's I will close as you will be busy reading other little children's letters.

How will you come if it doesn't snow? Remember I will keep both eyes open looking for you.

I remain,

Georgia March Horton.

Mrs. Lewis Fetzer Robbed

Verner Carson, who has been around town principally hanging out at livery stables, was employed two weeks ago by Lewis Fetzer as a farm hand at the very reasonable wages of \$8 board, etc per month. Tuesday Carson was set to gathering corn. All the family were away from home, the Mrs. Fetzer came back and got dinner for Carson, then returned to get her visit out with her son John. Carson came to town and about 3 p. m. engaged Wm. Adams livery to take him to Salisbury, which was done.

Wednesday morning, Mrs. Fetzer thought she had better examine her bank, an incubator, and see if her Christmas deposits were still there to be drawn on. The pocket-book was there and five dollars of \$25 she had in it, but some one had drawn on her bank and got two fives and a ten spot without leaving a check or identification. Very naturally, Lewis set out on the trail of Carson, and traced him as explained to Salisbury.

Pec Dec Prattle

Mrs. Dan Maddox of Hardin, Mo. is visiting her brother, William Walther, who is very low with dropsy and other troubles. Considering his advanced age his recovery is doubtful.

Perry Walther of Marceline visited his brother, William last week.

Otho Welch began work last Monday for the Metropolitan Street Railway Co. at Kansas City, as conductor.

Cleve Cavanah, wife and little son of Marceline are visiting at the old home this week.

Heaps of mud and often more mud is the cry from every quarter this week, travel being almost suspended.

Turkeys are moving at a very slow pace, our merchants being restricted both as to quality and price, the prices seem to be one thing universal, and the people are aware of the fact that some fixing has been done about this price business some where. It seems to us that we have heard something about this restriction of trade in other lines.

Mrs. Marion Cowser returned from a visit to her mother in Shelby county last Sunday.

At the bridge party given by Miss Winifred Williamson Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. A. C. Seiser the prizes were won by Mrs. Landon Sneed and J. D. Taylor.

Mr. V. E. Lawrence of Salisbury is having fine luck with his Angus-Aberdeen herd. Quite a number of fine calves already and more expected.

Charles Coleman of Dalton is visiting with parents.

Married

ZILLMAN-HERSHEY

At the parsonage in Independence, Mo., Oct. 2 1911 at high noon by Rev. John A. Ward, William J. Zillman and Lydia Hershey were pledged for life. The attendants were Mesdames Jackson and Morris, Aunts of the bride resident in Kansas City.

Miss Lydia Hershey went to Kansas City September 29 to visit her aunts and do some shopping, with not a thought of course of Jeff coming up two days later, Oct. 1, but he did, and the trousseau Miss Lydia expected to gather for future reference, became a back number before it was purchased by six months. Jeff returned from his visit, "sawed wood and said nothing."

Miss Lydia played girl in all except smiling on other admirers and nothing doing in the wedding columns, until a reporter for the Courier got a grape vine tip. Since Mrs. Lydia Jeff desired to remain at home during the winter and spring with her invalid mother the couple concluded they had just as well say nothing of the event until they got ready to go keeping house, and they planned for each to stay with homefolks until such time. Jeff Zillman is the son of one of Chariton county's most distinguished surgeons and progressive business men, Dr. A. W. Zillman of Indian Grove, and the young man is most highly esteemed by all who know him.

Mrs. Wm. J. Zillman is a charming young woman—a graduate of K. H. S. and one of the most popular as well as reputed among the prettiest girls ever attending our school. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Hershey who own one of the prettiest rural homes northwest of this city. Mr. Hershey is a stock raiser and farmer on a large scale, and a leading citizen of the county, and the loss of their only girl will be keenly felt by him and his wife, no other children being left at home.

After the ceremony at Independence, Mr. and Mrs. Zillman and party went in the big limousine they had engaged to the Baltimore hotel in Kansas City for luncheon. Mr. Zillman returning home that night and Mrs. Zillman remaining in the city for a three weeks visit. Not a person other than those present, knew of the marriage for 2 months, and but for the determination of the Courier to get the news, it might have been several months more. Mr. and Mrs. Zillman will be at home to friends on their large farm 2 miles west of Salisbury after April 1 1912. The Courier joins with all their friends in heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Basket Ball

Last Friday night, by the light of the silvery moon and an occasional smoky ray from a torch at intervals over the field to the music of hundred of voices of pretty girls and Logans Infantry Band, as gallant and handsome young club of basket ball players as ever posed a pigskin or pret-damself, fell down. Not hard-just in favor of Keytesville. The losers? Oh well they were from Brunswick.

The dinner and supper at the Christian church was well patronized and a most excellent repast was served each meal. We did not learn the receipts at the time of going to press.

The merchants of Keytesville are offering excellent holiday inducements to the trade. Anything desired can be had for Santa Claus or gift purposes and at right prices.

Proceedings County Court

County Court met in session on Monday December 11, 1911 with officers present as follows: A. S. Taylor, presiding judge, M. J. Lain and Barney Reigelsberger Associate Judges, A. N. Harding, sheriff and C. C. Parks, clerk.

A. S. Rucker, collector Salisbury township ordered to credit the taxes assessed against lot 6, 7 and 8 block 13 Salisbury in the sum of \$3.84 on account of error by Board of Equalization.

Same as H. Y. Shupe, Mendon township, against lot 1 block 8, Mendon Missouri, in the sum of \$5.10.

Same as to Chas. Parker, Keytesville township, against 80 acres e 1-2 sw 17 54 17 in the sum of \$5.08.

Same as to J. B. Shannon county treasurer credit back taxes assessed against n 1-2 lot 6 Keytesville in the sum of \$7.07

R. B. Vater, collector Salt Creek Township ordered to charge personal taxes of H. M. Carpenter for the year 1911 in the sum of \$13.50

Same as to D. M. Wilson, Clark township on 79 acres w 1-2 se 23 56 18 in the sum of \$5—

Patent ordered issued to J. W. Wayland assignee of Sampson N. Warner for the nw ne 3 55 17.

Same issued to L. J. Jackson and Annie Fleetwood for the following lands, to-wit: lot 1 nw 10 51 18, lot 1 sw 3 52 19 and w pt lot 2 se 3 52 19, containing 119.05 acres.

Loans made.
F. A. B. Cook in the sum of \$1200 with J. W. Agee and J. K. Robertson as sureties.

C. L. Herring in the sum of \$600 with Milton Bennett and C. P. Thrash as sureties.

R. C. Gray presents plans, specifications and estimate of cost for the following steel bridges, viz:—

Across Mussel Fork creek near residence of Thomas Edgar, across Long Branch near Julius Sleyster's residence, across branch near residence of F. F. Brewer, across branch near Thomas school house, across branch near residence of Judge Nickerson, across branch near residence of Horah.

Court adjourned until second Monday in January 1912.

Mrs. Jno. A. Goll of Dalton has returned from a three months visit to her daughter, Mrs. T. Gray Wright, at Hanford, Calif., and most every point of interest in California. While gone she also visited points in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas. Mrs. Goll says she feels younger after taking such a trip but most all of her acquaintances think she would feel older after becoming grandma. Judge John Goll Wright, her grandson, was born at Hanford, Calif., October 8, 1911.

Mrs. Mary E. Vandiver, widow of the late A. C. Vandiver, formerly of this city, passed away at her home in Shelby, Mo., Dec. 8, 1911. The deceased was the second wife of the late Mr. Vandiver and survived him by a year and five months. Mrs. Vandiver was born in Marion county, Mo., and was 74 years of age at the time of her death.

The Courier will begin with the first issue in January, the story of the arrest and conviction of the McNamara for dynamiting, the wonderful accomplishments of the worlds most famous criminal finder detective Burns, all from the records of the cases. It is thrilling, wonderful, fact and more thrilling than fiction.

Charlie Stevens has returned home from Warrensburg.

In Jail for Arson

On Aug. 15 last, one, David Williams a negro of unsavory reputation which has landed him behind the bars a few times, is charged by J. E. Dempsey with having set fire to the livery barn in Triplett and burned it, the barn being rented at the time by Dempsey. Several other buildings burned at the same time as a result of the burning of the barn. The barn was insured in the Connecticut Fire Ins., Co., and the loss paid to one Melvin Gray, the record owner of the stable. Williams was brot down to Keytesville Friday night by Ex-Sheriff Dempsey and turned over to Sheriff Hardin, as a consequence of information leading the suspicion of Williams having been the fire-bug, served out by Dempsey. A warrant charging Williams with arson was got out by Prosecuting Attorney Rucker Friday night, and in default of \$2000 bond Williams will board with the sheriff until tried on the charge. The negro did not believe in going it alone in either the bonfire or enjoying free board and lodging at the expense of the county and seriously implicated Melvin Gray, the owner of the barn and a Marceline real estate dealer. On such information as obtained by Prosecuting Attorney Rucker leading him to a reasonable conclusion that Gray instigated and planned and promised to pay for the job, a warrant was sworn out by the Prosecuting Attorney Friday night charging Melvin Gray with burning the barn, and Chief Burns being wired by Sheriff Hardin, immediately arrested Gray and turned him over Saturday morning to Deputy Sheriff Gardner who was sent for him. Saturday afternoon Gray was lodged in jail to await trial on the charge in the absence of a bond for his appearance.

Eccles Echoes

Several from here transacted business in Salisbury Saturday.

Miss Maud Jaco spent from Wednesday with her sister, Mrs. Sam Philpott.

Chas. Bennett who has been in Iowa for some time returned home the latter part of last week H. M. is all smiles.

Mrs. Cora Farthing is very low with appendicitis at present. Dr. Haskins is the attending physician.

Rev. Young will fill his regular appointment at this place next Saturday night.

Miss Jennie Hensley of Kansas City who was called home by the serious illness of her father, who passed away Dec. 2 1911, returned to her work in Kansas City Monday.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT
John Medlin and daughter, Mrs. Idella Cox were shopping in Keytesville last Friday.

Oma Faudree and sister Miss Flossie of near Marceline are guests of their sister Mrs. Rude Medlin.

Mrs. I. N. Jaco was called to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Bora Farthing at Mr. Bert Colyer in Salisbury last week who is reported very sick with appendicitis.

Miss Winifred Williamson went to Brunswick Tuesday to visit Miss Louise Snee and attend the home talent show Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. P. Hayward of Dalton will leave Tuesday to spend Christmas in Tampa, Fla. and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. White of St. Louis will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam White Cheltenham.

Salisbury Scribbings

Mrs. Myrtle Craven is convalescent from her recent illness. "John" Taylor of Muskogee, Okla., is here on a visit to his parents.

Mrs. Taylor Tillerson has sold her 200 acre farm to Irvin Gisham for \$10,000.

Sam Philpott sold his residence property in Baker's Bros., addition to Mrs. Cora Farthing for \$700.

N. R. Wright and wife have purchased 40 acres of the John Nickerson home place for \$200.

Eld. Hale is holding a series of cottage prayer meetings that is drawing attention of church members.

O. P. Ray and Capt. Benecke, legal lights shone on the "White-way" a short time since our last.

The new moving picture show just opened up in the Moore building, is a dandy and is drawing large crowds.

A \$200 horse belonging to the Salisbury Transfer Co., died Saturday night. Much to the regret of its owners, as it was a splendid animal.

Hayes & Jaco are still at work on their lumber yard and will soon have one of the finest in the county.

Word comes from St. Louis that Mrs. F. O. Dameron who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis is doing fine and will soon recover.

Several of our people attended the A. P. Browning sale Monday. Mr. Browning will move to Oklahoma City where he will engage in business.

Rev. A. F. Pearson has given notice of his intention to resign his pastorate of the First Baptist church in the near future. He is a splendid man and we hate to hear this.

Mrs. J. R. Mason has returned from a visit to Kansas City where she attended the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Spratt, who had undergone an operation.

Mrs. A. P. Richardson, a widow lady, died at her home on East second street Monday of pneumonia. She had been ill only about a week and all was done, but without avail. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

The arrival of a new girl at the home of Paul Westlake has added new zeal to his energies and he will hustle to sell more real estate than ever.

L. A. Cromer, the painter handles the brush more lively than ever since the arrival of that boy Monday. Here's hoping he may have the grace of his mother and the hustle of his father.

Mrs. Thomas M. Rowan, aged 79 was here Monday on business. She is exceedingly well preserved for one of her age, and bids fair to live many years. Her husband was a soldier and she would like a pension.

THE MARKETS

Eggs per doz.	25c
Hens per lb.	6c
Cox	4c
Fryers	6c
Butter	17c
Wool	18c
Tallow	5c
Beeswax	25c
Rubber	4c
Cream	35c
Hides	9c
Turkeys	13c

Come in and see what is offered by our Merchants in the way of holiday goods before you make your selection. If you come you will buy here.